IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for assembling multilayer ~~tape~~ tapes, comprising fusion bonding ~~tape~~ tapes by means of electromagnetic radiation, the ~~tape~~ tapes comprising at least one plastic layer, which is oriented in at least one direction and is transparent to the radiation, and at least one layer that partially absorbs energy transported by the radiation, wherein one face of at least one tape of the assembly is fusion-bonded to a plastic preformed support.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): -The process according to claim 1, wherein at least two ~~tape~~ tapes are fusion-bonded.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of the plastic of the ~~tape~~ tapes is oriented in a single direction.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the electromagnetic radiation has a wavelength ranging from 700 to 1200 nm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the electromagnetic radiation is laser radiation.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the plastic preformed support is an unoriented plastic tubular support.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the material responsible for absorbing the electromagnetic radiation is carbon black.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A plastic composite tube comprising an unoriented plastic core in which at least two adjacent thicknesses of multilayer ~~tape~~ tapes are fusion-bonded, ~~the tape~~ said tapes being wound and bonded together, at least one layer of each tape being formed from a plastic transparent to electromagnetic radiation and oriented in at least one direction and at least one other layer of each tape comprising a material that absorbs electromagnetic radiation.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The tube according to claim 8, wherein the layer comprising absorbent material is also oriented.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The tube according to claim 9, wherein the tapes are formed from a layer of oriented material, transparent to the electromagnetic radiation at wavelengths ranging from 700 to 1200 nm, placed between two thinner layers comprising the same plastic oriented in the same direction as the transparent layer and also including a material that absorbs this radiation.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-3 and 8 are currently amended.

Claims 4-7 and 9 and 10 are previously presented.

The claims have been amended to indicate a plurality of tapes which more accurately describes the intent of the original specification.

Support for the amendment is found in the claims and specification as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment Claims 1-10 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.